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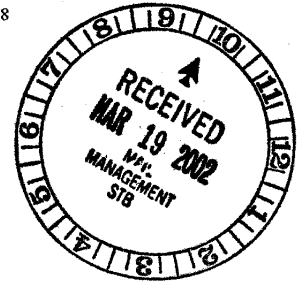
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March 18, 2002

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 387X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between St. Joseph and Collegeville in Stearns County, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 19, 2000, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of 4.89 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 81.11, near St. Joseph, and railroad milepost 86.00, near Collegeville, which traverses through United States Postal ZIP Codes 56321, 56374, and 56375 in Stearns County, Minnesota.

The abandonment of this railroad line was to be consummated on May 12, 2001 as required by the Board's order of May 12, 2000 in the referenced docket. However, due to a pending historical condition imposed the consummation was postponed until not later than 60 days after the satisfaction, expiration or removal of the legal regulatory barrier pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2).

Enclosed are copies of two letters from the Minnesota Historical Society verifying that the Section 106 requirements have been satisfied. Accordingly, BNSF requests that the Board remove the pending Section 106 condition or otherwise clarify that BNSF's obligations pursuant to the Section 106 condition have been satisfied so that a notice of consummation may be submitted and our file closed on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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Enclosures

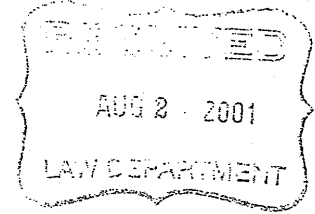
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August 17, 2001

Ms. Sarah Whitley Bailiff
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Railway Co.
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Fort Worth, TX 76131-2828



RE: Abandonment of The Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company's 4.89 Mile
Railroad Line between St. Joseph and Collegeville
Stearns County
SHPO Number: 2000-1938MOA

Dear Ms. Bailiff:

Thank you for submitting to our office the historical narrative on the history of the segment of the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway between St. Joseph and Collegeville.

This narrative fulfills the requirement under Stipulation 2 of the Section 106 memorandum of agreement for the abandonment of trackage for this segment.

We look forward to working with you and Stearns County Parks in the completion of the other stipulation of the memorandum of agreement. Contact us at 651-296-5462 with questions or concerns.

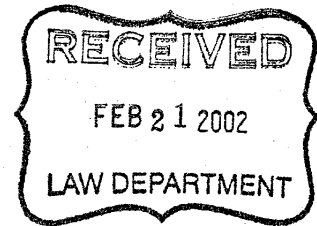
Sincerely,

Dennis A. Gimmestad
Government Programs and Compliance Officer

cc: Charles Wocken, Stearns County Parks



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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February 14, 2002

Ms. Elaine Kaiser
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Abandonment of The Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company's 4.89 Mile
Line: St. Joseph to Collegeville
STB Docket Number: AB-6 (SUB-NO. 387X)
Stearns County
SHPO Number: 2000-1938MOA

Dear Ms. Kaiser:

Stearns County Parks has submitted the proposed context of the narrative display for the Collegeville segment of the St. Paul & Pacific Railway. As you know, a portion of this line is being preserved under stipulation #3 of the Section 106 memorandum of agreement for the line abandonment.

We have reviewed the preliminary draft submitted to us on 28 December 2001, as well as a revision that incorporates an editing of the text by the Stearns County Historical Society, submitted to us on 8 February 2002. We conclude that the text in the latest version is appropriate for a marker at the site.

We note that we previously reviewed the selection of the segment to be preserved, and concurred in the proposal in a letter of 6 July 2001 to Stearns County Parks. Review of this segment selection was called for in stipulation #3 of the agreement.

We also addressed the research report required under stipulation #2 of the agreement in a letter of 17 August 2001 to the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Co.

Contact us at 651-296-5462 with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Britta L. Bloomberg
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Peter Theismann, Stearns County Parks
David Ebnet, Stearns History Museum
Sarah Whitley Bailiff, Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company